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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Eruvasi in Irikkoor Firka, Naduvil in Taliparamba Firka and Eramam in Payyanur Firka and suburbs are contiguous to and near a reserve forest in Coorg. Very often wild animals from the forest come to these places and devastate the crops and other properties of agriculturists. Some peasants are carrying on fugitive cultivation there. Before 1949, they were given licences to possess fire-arms but in 1949 the licences were withdrawn. Now some of them have applied for licence. Without fire-arms they are not in a position to carry on fugitive cultivation in the forests. Will the Government be kind enough to enquire and see that licences are given immediately in deserving cases?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: If the hon. Member will give me a short note about this, I shall take necessary action.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Travelling allowances to the Tamil Police Constables

18 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the reasons for not giving the Tamil Police Constables, etc., who are doing duties 100 miles away from their native places travelling allowances, when Malayalee Police Constables who are doing duties 100 miles away from their native places are being given travelling allowances as per Police Standing Orders, Volume I, page 139, Order 310, clause 5?

A.—Constables and Head Constables who are natives of Malabar district are granted railway fares or warrants for journeys to and from their native place once in three years mainly for the reason that at the time the concession was sanctioned a large number of men belonging to Malabar were specially enlisted and employed in the Armed Reserves of the Southern districts and in the Madras City Police and as they were asked to serve for years together away from their families. The question of granting this concession to Tamil Police Constables was not considered then. The Government have since examined the question of the continuance or otherwise of the concession and have decided to review the question early in January 1957.

Midday meals to the Harijan students

19 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether there is any proposal with the Government for providing midday meals to the Harijan students in the schools run by the District Board of South Arcot?

A.—No, Sir.

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Measures taken to prevent dysentery in Ettikulam, North Malabar

20 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 50 houses are affected by dysentery in Ettikulam, Payyanur firka, North Malabar ; and

(*b*) if so, the measures taken by the Government to prevent the further spreading of the disease?

A.—(*a*) No, Sir, only 16 houses were affected with suspected dysentery in Ettikulam village.

(*b*) The District Health Officer and the Range Health Inspector visited the affected village and instituted control and preventive measures. Disinfection of houses, chlorination of wells and anticipatory anti-cholera inoculations were carried out. Sulphaguanidine tablets were also distributed. One Reserve Health Inspector is stationed at the place with necessary stock of disinfectants, sulphaguanidine tablets and milk powder.

Prohibition offences

21 *Q*.—SRI S. T. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases filed in Tirunelveli district after 1st January 1956 for offences under the Madras Prohibition Act;

(*b*) the number that related to " fermented toddy " and the number to " arrack " ; and

(*c*) the number that related to the tapping, possession, transport or sale of sweet juice without licences?

A.—(*a*) Four thousand four hundred and nineteen.

(*b*) Fermented toddy—627.

Arrack—1,232.

(*c*) Five hundred and ninety-one.

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Printing Technology

22 *Q*.—SRI S. T. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of students that appeared for the examination in Printing Technology from the Madras Polytechnic this year;

(*b*) the number that passed;

(*c*) the number of candidates that failed by a margin of 10 marks; and

(*d*) whether it is proposed to introduce moderation system for the said examination?

	Full-time.	Part-time.
A.—(a)	26	12
(b)	7	5
(c)	3	6

(d) Sir, the Technical Diploma Examination Board declares the results of the examination only after moderation, if it considers necessary.

Retrenched shroffs of Tiruvannamalai and Gudiyatham treasuries

23 Q.—SRI E. L. RAGHAVA MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that, consequent upon the opening of a branch of the State Bank of India at Tirupattur, North Arcot district, on 30th July 1956, the State Bank is entrusted with the treasury work of the district and the shroffs working in the treasury are retrenched,

(b) whether there are proposals to open State Bank branches at Tiruvannamalai and Gudiyatham also and to retrench all the shroffs working in the treasuries without providing them any alternative job; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the State Bank branches now recruit new hands for these jobs and refuse to employ the retrenched shroffs?

A.—(a) With the opening of a branch of the State Bank of India at Tirupattur on 30th July 1956, the cash transactions of the Tirupattur sub-treasury have been taken over by the bank. Consequently, two of the three shroffs in the sub-treasury were rendered surplus and have been absorbed in other vacancies in the district.

(b) There is a proposal to open a branch of the State Bank of India at Tiruvannamalai. The cash transactions at the Tiruvannamalai sub-treasury will be taken over by the State Bank from the date of opening of the new branch at the place. The Collector of North Arcot has reported that one of the two shroffs in the sub-treasury will be rendered surplus from the date of transfer of cash transactions to the State Bank and can be absorbed in other vacancies in the district.

Gudiyatham is also one of the sub-treasury centres where the State Bank of India have decided to open a branch in furtherance of their expansion programme. Formal proposals regarding the opening of the branch have not yet been received.

(c) There is no information regarding the recruitment of new hands by the State Bank branches. However, in view of the position explained in clauses (a) and (b) above, the question of the State Bank of India employing the shroffs rendered surplus does not arise.

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Admission to Gramasevak Training School at Bhavanisagar

24 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications that were received in all for admission to the Gramasevak Training School at Bhavanisagar in June 1956;

(*b*) the number received (i) from Malayalees and (ii) from Tamils;

(*c*) the number of Malayalees selected;

(*d*) whether the Government had issued any orders not to select any Malayalees for admission; and

(*e*) whether a knowledge of Tamil was necessary for admission?

A.—(*a*) No separate selection was made for admission to the Basic Agricultural Training School, Bhavanisagar, but there was a general selection of candidates for admission to all the Basic Agricultural Training Schools. The total number of applications received was 5,013.

(*b*) (i) 1,788 and (ii) 3,122.

(*c*) 80.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Knowledge of the regional language is necessary.

Development schemes to Harijan colonies

25 *Q.*—Sri M. KATTIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of schools, drinking water wells, roads, latrines, radio sets and reading rooms that were provided to the Harijan colonies under the development schemes in Chinnasalem Firka, Kallakurichi taluk?

A.—The number of schools buildings, drinking water wells, roads, latrines, radio sets and reading rooms that were provided for the Harijan colonies in Chinnasalem firka, Kallakurichi taluk is as follows:—

Number of school buildings—4.

Number of drinking water wells—21.

Number of roads—3.

Number of latrines—Nil.

Number of radio sets—Nil.

Number of reading rooms—Nil.